

Claim Rejections:

The newly added claims eliminate the objections made by the Examiner by the applicant specifically limiting claims so that the claims distinguish over the references cited. Specifically the claims eliminate the use of ELISA, Western Blot and Thin Layer Liquid Phase methods for analysis of HIV antibodies to be used to as claimed by Friedman-Kein et al., and Ishigawa et al. This places the application in condition for allowance.

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the deleted claims 1-11 newly amended claims 12 and the original claims 13-15 define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

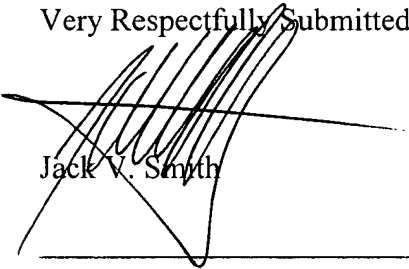
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

Applicant has amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 107.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully Submitted,


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